



## **Ethnicity & Race: Data Collection & Definitions**

Ethnicity and race data: Part 1 of the Income Eligibility Form provides parents/guardians the option to identify the ethnicity and race of the enrolled children listed. If the parent/guardian does not provide this information, the Institution representative must make this determination and inform the parent or guardian that a visual identification will be made and recorded, and that the collection of this information has no effect on the determination of eligibility to receive Program benefits.

### Ethnicity Definitions:

- Hispanic or Latino is defined as a person of Cuban, Mexican, Puerto Rican, South or Central American, or other Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race.

### Race Definitions:

- American Indian or Alaskan Native is defined as a person with origins in any of the original peoples of North, Central, and South America.
- Asian is defined as a person with origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, or the Indian subcontinent, including, for example, Cambodia, China, India, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Pakistan, the Philippine Islands, Thailand, and Vietnam.
- Black or African American is defined as a person with origins in any of the black racial groups of Africa.
- Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander is defined as a person with origins in any of the original peoples of Hawaii, Guam, Samoa, or other Pacific Islands.
- White is defined as a person with origins in any of the original peoples of Europe, the Middle East, or North Africa.